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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments yesterday. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MARSHFIELD MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Bruce J. Rhodes, 27, of Marshfield, Wisconsin, is charged with possessing a computer hard drive containing video depictions of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment alleges that he possessed the computer hard drive on January 10, 2007.

If convicted, Rhodes faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Wood County Sheriff's Department, and the Marshfield Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

TREGO MAN FACES METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGES

Michael L. Mikulewicz, 54, of Trego, Wisconsin, is charged in a three-count indictment with maintaining a place for the purpose of distributing and using

methamphetamine, distributing methamphetamine, and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that he used the Jack of Diamonds club in Trego from January 2003 to March 2006 as a place for the use and distribution of methamphetamine, he possessed the drug on May 13, 2004, and he possessed the drug with intent to distribute on March 10, 2006.

If convicted, Mikulewicz faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against the defendant are the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, and the Washburn County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

MINNESOTAN CHARGED WITH HUDSON BANK ROBBERY

Thomas Trammell, 30, of Green Isle, Minnesota, is charged with robbing the First National Bank of Hudson, Crestview Branch, located at 2200 Crestview Drive, in Hudson, Wisconsin, on July 8, 2005. The indictment alleges that he committed this offense by the use of a dangerous weapon.

If convicted, Trammell faces a maximum penalty of 25 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Hudson Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH FIREARM CRIME

John High, 33, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The indictment alleges that he possessed a .22 caliber revolver and ammunition on May 1, 2007.

If convicted, High faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

ILLINOIS MAN CHARGED WITH BANK EMBEZZLEMENT

Ryan D. Eberdt, 25, of Elgin, Illinois, is charged with embezzling approximately \$31,000 while an employee of Associated Bank in Madison. The indictment alleges that he embezzled the funds during the period of time from December 2004 to May 2005.

If convicted, Eberdt faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT FROM POSTAL SERVICE

Donald Staples, 39, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with theft of government funds and falsifying government records. The indictment alleges that from November 2005 to February 21, 2006, he converted to his own use money of the U.S. Postal Service. The second count of the indictment alleges that from December 30, 2005 to February 11, 2006, while an employee of the U.S. Postal Service, he made false entries in records with intent to defraud.

If convicted, Staples faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

MAN CHARGED WITH RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

Jose Luis Medrano-Rios, 28, a citizen of Mexico, who has been living in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on April 9, 2007.

If convicted, Medrano-Rios faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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